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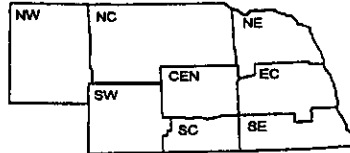
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals in the west, while central and eastern portions averaged six degrees above normals. Precipitation ranged from traces to over two inches in the extreme Southeast.

GENERAL

Producers made good harvest progress during the week, with corn nearly two-thirds complete and soybeans over three-fourths combined, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Sorghum harvest was also in full swing with over half the crop cut by weeks end. Some producers, with harvest complete, were turning their attention to fall tillage operations and fencing stalks in preparation for livestock. Other producer activities included millet and sugar beet harvests in the west, as well as hay harvest, equipment repair and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn for grain harvest was 63% complete, nearly two weeks ahead of 41% last year and 31% average. Progress was nearing completion across the southeastern third of the State, while less than 50% was harvested across northern regions. With crops

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standing well, some producers in the north waited for additional field drying, to minimize mechanical drying costs.

Soybean harvest advanced to 78% complete, near 77% last year and 78% average.

Sorghum harvest jumped to 60%, ahead of 51% last year and 37% average, as drier soils allowed progress to advance in the Southeast.

Dry bean harvest was virtually complete, at 96%, just behind 98% last year and 97% average.

Alfalfa condition rated 3% poor, 31% fair, 62% good and 4% excellent. Fourth cutting was 94% complete, ahead of 82% last year and 84% average.

Winter Wheat condition rated 2% very poor, 3% poor, 35% fair, 53% good and 7% excellent. Emergence was at 91%, behind 94% last year and 92% average.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions continued to improve and rated 4% very poor, 12% poor, 31% fair, 44% good, and 9% excellent. Livestock were being turned into stalk fields. Bloat was again noted in cattle grazing on fields with large amounts of corn on the ground

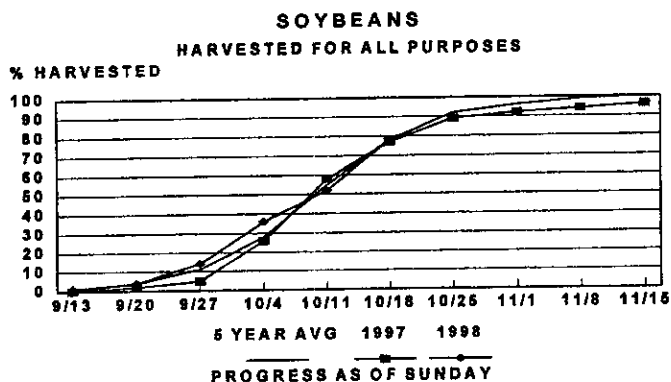
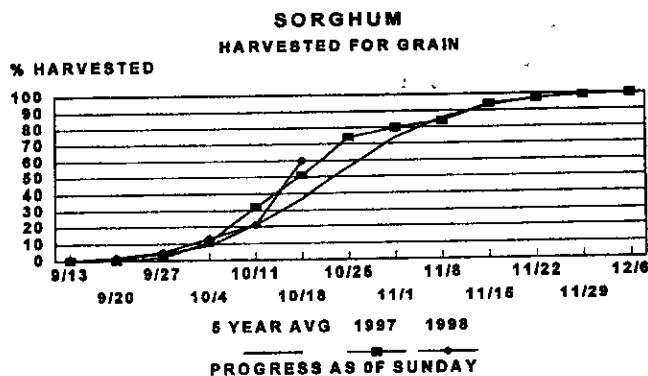
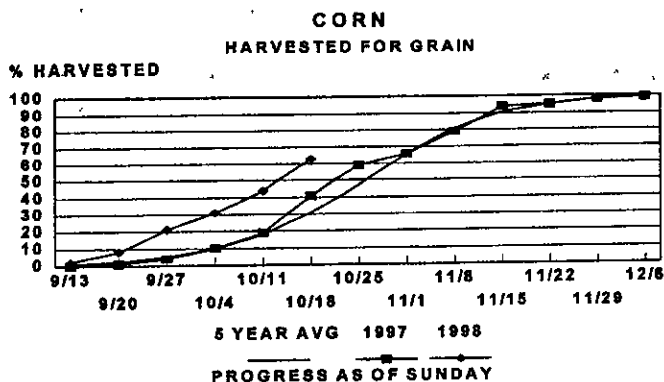
CROP PROGRESS AS OF October 18, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	44	42	48	60	78	37	82	74	63	44	41	31
% Soybeans Harvested	na	70	74	62	87	85	91	77	78	52	77	78
% Sorghum Harvested	na	38	60	34	61	43	52	65	60	21	51	37
% Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	90	99	93	99	77	100	96	96	94	84	82	84
% Dry Beans Harvested	92	100	100	82	na	100	na	na	96	92	98	97
% Wheat Emerged	99	96	na	65	76	94	91	57	91	79	94	92
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF October 16, 1998												
Days suitable	6.0	5.5	6.2	6.7	5.9	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.3	4.1	4.2	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	1	2	1	0	18	0	0	2	4	2	
(Percent) - Short	1	17	15	17	18	36	24	0	17	14	15	
- Adequate	95	80	82	81	81	46	76	100	80	80	78	
- Surplus	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	7	1	1	0	25	7	0	5	6	6	
(Percent) - Short	10	28	17	19	26	35	30	2	22	23	25	
- Adequate	90	62	81	79	72	40	63	98	72	70	67	
- Surplus	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	

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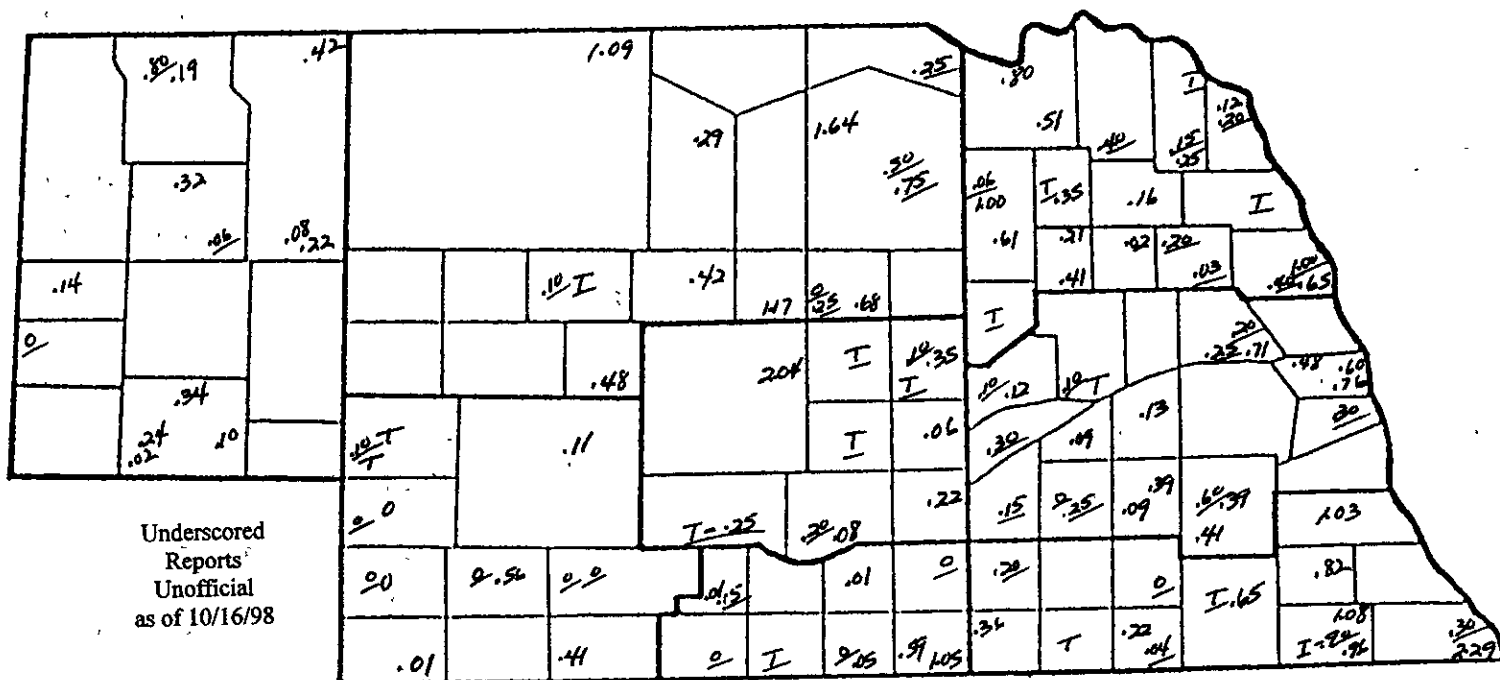
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1998



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1998

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	75	29	49	---	.19
	Scottsbluff	75	30	49	-2	.14
	Sidney	74	34	51	---	.24
NC	Valentine	68	29	48	-2	1.09
NE	Norfolk	79	34	58	+6	.21
	Sioux City	81	32	59	+6	.12
CEN	Grand Island	80	35	60	+7	.22
	Ord	80	33	58	---	---
EC	Lincoln	79	36	61	+6	.39
	Omaha	78	38	61	+7	.60
SW	Imperial	80	31	54	---	0
	North Platte	76	28	52	1	.11